

## House Resolution 1300

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the State of Georgia's reaffirmation of the bonds of friendship and cooperation  
2 with the State of Israel on the occasion of the Jewish State's 60th Anniversary; and

3 WHEREAS, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition  
4 the British Mandate of Palestine, and through that vote created the State of Israel; and

5 WHEREAS, the desire of the Jewish people to establish an independent modern State of  
6 Israel was the outgrowth of the existence of the historic Kingdom of Israel established three  
7 thousand years ago in the city of Jerusalem and in the land of Israel; and

8 WHEREAS, born in the ashes of the Holocaust, Israel has from its inception faced the  
9 hostility, and frequently the armed aggression, of its neighbors; and

10 WHEREAS, since its establishment 60 years ago, the modern State of Israel has rebuilt a  
11 nation, forged a new and dynamic society, and created a unique and vital economic, political,  
12 cultural, and intellectual life despite the heavy costs of six wars, terrorism, international  
13 ostracism, and economic boycotts; and

14 WHEREAS, Israel and the United States have a shared commitment to freedom, peace,  
15 security, and civil rights for all their citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, there is a special bond of cultural, economic, and educational cooperation  
17 between the citizens of Georgia and Israel in that Georgia is proud to be home to 45 Israeli  
18 companies; Georgia's Department of Economic Development has a trade office in Israel; the  
19 cities of Atlanta, Georgia, and Ra'anana, Israel are official Sister Cities; Georgia and Israel  
20 have an established International Law Enforcement Exchange program; and Georgia imports  
21 in excess of \$300 million from Israel through the Savannah Customs District; and

1 WHEREAS, with the anniversary observance taking place throughout the year, Israel will  
2 celebrate its anniversary with events marking the birth and development of the state, the  
3 struggle to find peace and security, and its hopes for the future.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body recognize the historic significance of the sixtieth anniversary of the  
6 reestablishment of the sovereign and independent modern State of Israel; commend the  
7 people of Israel for their remarkable achievements in building a new state and a pluralistic  
8 democratic society in the Middle East; reaffirm the bonds of friendship and cooperation  
9 which have existed between the State of Georgia and Israel for six decades, and Georgia's  
10 desire for sustained collaboration on technological innovation in such sectors as security,  
11 alternative energy, and natural resource management; express Georgia's appreciation to  
12 Ambassador Mansour for his efforts to promote peace and grow business, cultural, and  
13 educational ties between the two nations; continue Georgia's commitment to Israel and its  
14 people by maintaining or increasing investment in State of Israel bonds; and extend warmest  
15 congratulations and best wishes to the State of Israel and her people for a peaceful,  
16 prosperous, and successful future.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ambassador Mansour.